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For. **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING BARRIER FILM AND BARRIER
FILM THUS PRODUCED**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-captioned patent application, the RCE having been filed on January 13, 2003. Please amend this patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 13 have been amended so as to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A process for producing a barrier film by a heat CVD method which comprises the steps of:

providing a substrate on a substrate holder in a vacuum atmosphere within a CVD apparatus;